

BEHAVIOR

6
WKS - 6
MOs

JUVENILE

Impressionable,
learns quickly and
easily, best time
to train and begin
lifelong habits

6
MOs - 1
8 MOs

ADOLESCENT

Sexually mature;
typical head-
strong teenager;
rebellious

1
8 MOs - 7
Yrs

ADULT

Emotionally/
socially mature,
behaviorally pre-
dictable, may try
to dominate

7
Yrs
PLUS

GERIATRIC

Reduced sensory
input may result
in confusion or
irritability, canine
cognitive dys-
function

Maricopa County Animal Care & Control

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Animal Care & Control (AC&C)
is “ dedicated to promoting and
protecting the health, safety, and
welfare of pets and people in
Maricopa County”

AC&C is a full service
animal welfare organization
with animal care centers, adoptions,
field services, licensing and
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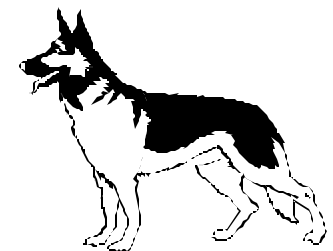
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Developmental Stages of a Dog's Life



Equipment		Exercise	Grooming		Health Care	Diet		Training			
6 Wks - 6 mos	Juvenile	Kennel crate, buckle collar, leash, odor neutralizer, anti-chew, toys, I.D. tag, microchip, dog license	Play games that encourage cooperation; hide & seek, find it, round robin recalls	6 Wks - 6 mos	Juvenile	Daily brushing, bi-weekly nail clipping, weekly teeth cleaning, bathe as needed	Puppy vaccination series, rabies vaccination, stool check, deworming, early age spay/neuter	6 Wks - 6 mos	Juvenile	Premium quality dry kibble puppy formula 2-3x/day, treats for training	Supervision and consistant feed-back regarding house manners, basic commands; handling exercises; socialization
6 mos - 18 mos	Adolescent	Check collar size, check leash for wear; head halter for training if necessary, new toys for chewing/ & grinding, dog bed	Problem prevention program; 2 hrs. aerobic exercise daily; tug of war games only if dog follows rules	6 mos - 18 mos	Adolescent	Maintain grooming program, flea/tick control program, bathe as needed	Annual vaccinations, stool check, heartworm test, traditional spay/neuter heart worm preventative	6 mos - 18 mos	Adolescent	6-12 months; puppy formula 2x/daay; 12-18 months; adult formula 1-2x/day, Treats for training	Training program emphasizing impulse control and leadership; agility and/or tracking skills
18 mos - 7 yrs	Adult	Check equipment for wear; repair or replace bedding, toys, collar, & leash, update license yearly	Maintain exercise program; can include jogging and cycling activities, agility classes	18 mos - 7 yrs	Adult	Maintain programs, note any skin growths or changes in pigment, bathe as needed	Annual check-up vaccinations every 1-3 years, check for periodontal disease, heartworm test and monthly preventative	18 mos - 7 yrs	Adult	Watch for obesity; switch to less active formula if necessary, treats for training	Maintain training; guarding breeds may need additional supervision and training to prevent problem behaviors
7 yrs plus	Geriatric	Orthopedic dog bedding, body harness if needed, odor neutralizer for incontinence	Light exercise program to maintain weight; avoid overexerting on hot or cold days	7 yrs plus	Geriatric	Massage therapy maintain grooming, report to vet growths/lumps, pigment changes	Report any sudden changes in diet, activity, stool to vet, heartworm test and monthly preventative	7 yrs plus	Geriatric	Senior formula diet; vet prescribed diet for kidney and other problems, treats for training	Maintain training according to dog's ability (loss of vision, hearing, stiffness/pain), more frequent opportunities to soil outdoors